1	*2*	*3*	*4*
	UNION TERRITORIES		
26.	A & N Island	110.6	135.7
27.	Chandigarh	252.8	261.4
28.	D & N Haveli	256.3	205.3
29.	Daman and Diu	234.5	177.5
30.	Delhi	527.0	517.8
31.	Lakshadweep	73.3	41.7
32.	Pondicherry	274.3	274.8
	TOTAL (UTs)	476.5	468.9
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	183.4	172.4

NOTE: Figures for 1997 are provisional.
District-wise information is not maintained at the Central level.
Rate of crime means number of cases per lakh of population.

Upgrading Fire Services

4648. SHRI YERRA NARAYAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to finance upgradation of fire services to meet the growing needs of the States;

(b) whether Government arranges equipments and assistance to State Governments for this purpose;

(c) whether any request from Andhra Pradesh for finance, equipments and training to upgrade fire services has been received; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to accede to the request of Andhra Pradesh in the matter of upgradation of fire services?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Tenth Finance Commission has allocated Rs. 8000.00 lakhs for the States for upgradation of their fire services. The Central Government also arranges loans through the General Insurance Corporation of India for development of State Fire Services, whenever such requests are received from the State Governments. The State Governments can buy the equipment they require from the assistance so provided.

(c) and (d) On the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Tenth Finance Commission has allocated a sum of Rs. 400.00 lakhs for the State for upgradation of its fire services. Out of this, funds amounting to Rs. 105.00 lakhs have already been released—Rs. 60.00 lakhs during 1996-97 and Rs. 45.00 lakhs during 1997-98.

Article 355

4649. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2354 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th July, 1998 and state:

(a) whether Article 355 appearing under Part XVIII of Constitution deals with emergency provisions;

(b) if so, whether sending of Central teams to States to keep the Central Government aware of the on goings in the State for as the law and order situation as part of the interactions with the State an usual practice under Article 355;